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(FOREIGN AND POLITICAL BRANCH)

D.O.No. 790 fc The 12th September, 1942.

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OFFICE

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Dear Mr. Madhava Rao,

The local Praja Mandal addressed recently a communication to His Highness the Maharaja in the nature of an ultimatum to the effect that unless His Highness altered his exiating status vis-a-vis the British Paramount Power and conceded immediate responsible Government and gave a decision within 48 hours, mass movement in accordance with the recent decision of the Indian National Congress would be started.

I shall be grateful if you will kindly let me know, if there be no objection, whether the Praja Mandal Branch, or a corresponding body, in your State, sent a similar ultimatum to the Ruler of your State and if so, what action has been taken in that connection.

I need hardly assure you that any information that may be supplied by you on the subject will be treated as strictly confidential.

The favour of an early reply is requested and will be much appreciated.

A draft reply is handed

Yours sincerely,

D. R. Sardesai

Foreign Member.

ISSUED.

To,

Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau B.A.,B.L.,

Dewan, Mysore State,

BANGALORE.

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19th September 1942.

Dear Mr. Sahni,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 790 C dated the 18th September 1942 and to state that no ultimatum of the kind referred to in your letter was sent to His Highness the Maharaja by the All Mysore Congress Committee.

Yours sincerely,

(sd) N. Madhava Rao

D. C. Sahni, Esq., M.A.,
Foreign Member,
Government of H.H. the Maharaja
Holkar of Indore,
INDORE.

Sent to the Chancellor
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Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.790 C dated the 12th Septr.1942 and to state that no ultimatum of the kind referred to in your letter was sent to H.H. the Maharaja by the All Mysore Congress Committee.

The Mysore Congress Committee was declared an unlawful association by this Govt. on the 9th Aug. 1942, as this body had already expressed its full support to the decision of the All India Congress Committee. Action was therefore taken to arrest all the prominent members of the Mysore Congress Committee on the 9th Aug. There was therefore no scope for them to send any ultimatum of the kind referred to in your letter.

Yours sincerely,

The Foreign Minister,
Indore.

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D.O.No. 847-C

Foreign & Political Branch,

the 26th September, 1942.

1302/CO CB. 11-42-88 M 287

Subject:- Regarding Praja Mandal's Demand for grant of Responsible Government.

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Dear Mr. Madhava Rau,

I write to convey my grateful thanks for the information so kindly supplied by you in your letter No. C.4.107 of the 19th instant.

Yours Sincerely,

D. C. Sothern

To,

Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau
B.A., B.L.
Dewan, Mysore State,
BANGALORE.

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Secret
D.O.No.F.84/1937.

Bangalore, 1st June 1937.

CS 210-36-1

C.B. 1003 4/6

Dear Mr Kesava Iengar,

I am desired to enclose for your information a letter in original dated the 25th April 1937 from Sema Reddy, Bangalore City, to Mahatma Gandhi, Anand Bhawan, Allahabad, which was withheld under section 26 (1) of the Post Office Act.

I am to request that the secrecy of the interception may be safeguarded.

Yours sincerely,

B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

For perusal.

Subd

The Enclosed letter is for perusal. It is sarcastic in the extreme. Whether the writer's is a genuine signature or the signature is pseudonymous requires investigation.

MS 5/6

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Dewan) MS 5-6-37

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(Enclosure received with above was given personally by the Chief Secy. to the I.G. of Police).

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CS 210-86-2

C.B. 7.7.37

SUBJECT:

Pseudonymous Petition purporting to have been written by Mr.Vema Reddy, from Balepet, Bangalore City, to Mahatma Gandhi.

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REPORT:-

With reference to the pseudonymous petition posted from Frenchrocks addressed to Mahatma Gandhi, confidential enquiries were made and it is ascertained that one Mr.Vishakantia, B.A.,B.L. an Advocate of Frenchrocks is the author of the petition.

This individual started his service in the Mysore Palace Office in the year 1911. After 5 years of service his lien was changed to the General and Revenue Secretariat in the year 1918. He began to write anonymous petitions against H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore and the present Dewan who was then the Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja. These anonymous petition were sent to a Handwriting Expert and on receipt of the Expert's opinion, he was dismissed from the service. Then he appealed against the order and was successful in getting a pension of Rs.25/- per mensem. Now he has settled down in Frenchrocks permanently. It is understood that Mr.Vishakantiah recently petitioned His Highness to enhance his pension, a request which was not considered favourably. He is said to have got 3 sons of whom the first is a lunatic and illiterate, the second is said to have been employed at Poona and the third son is also staying with his brother at Poona to presecute his studies.

It appears he goes now and again to Poona to see his sons and avails himself of these opportunities to see the Congressites of Bombay and other places.

Three specimen hand-writing slips of Mr.Vishakantia, have been secured for purposes of comparison. The characteristics of most of the letters are similar to those of the letters of this pseudonymous petition. The word "accordingly" on slip No.I and

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The Residency have sent on to us a pseudonymous letter (in original), purporting to be from one Veera Reddy, Balepet, Bangalore City, (posted from French Rocks) to Mahatma Gandhi, Ananda Bhavan, Allahabad. The letter was withheld from delivery and has been sent to us for information. The Residency want the Secrecy of the interception to be Safe-guarded.

The letter was informally given to the I. G. of Police for confidential enquiry and his note is enclosed. He is of opinion that the communication is in the handwriting of Mr. S. Vishakantaiya, B.A, B.L, Advocate, French Rocks and suggests that action may be taken against his person after getting expert opinion re: the handwriting.

The previous references in the Secretariat regarding Mr. Vishakantaiah are put up. In G.O.d 22.6.1918, ~~his service~~ he was ordered to be removed from Govt. service in view of his having been deemed guilty of grave misconduct — the main charge against him being that he was the author of a series of anonymous petitions of an exceedingly scurrilous nature received in the Palace.

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(G.M. 49-17-1)

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(This was proved by comparison of the handwriting of the petitions with that of Mr. Vishakantaiya — by an expert)

As a matter of grace, he was subsequently granted a compassionate ~~gratuity of~~ allowance (pension) of Rs. 25/- per mensem. ~~His~~ His application for practising before the Chief Court appears to have been rejected at first in 1927-28, but later on Government said that they did not wish to oppose his application for enrolment. He seems to be now practising as a Pleader or an Advocate at French Rocks

Flag X (SDA 24-31-1)

Flag Y (CTS 180-29-2)

It is for consideration now whether we may pursue the matter on the basis of the intercepted letter now received (whose interception the Resy. want to be safeguarded) and if so ~~what~~ what further action may be taken in the matter. [Perhaps a Special C.I.D. officer may perhaps be deputed to personally go & collect specimens of his handwriting and to obtain the opinion of Handwriting Experts — if deemed necessary].

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The punishment that can be inflicted - if the ~~fact~~ guilt is proved - would appear to be :—

(1) Stoppage or reduction of pension

(2) Cancellation of his Sanad as Legal practitioner

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Submitted
CJG
9/7/37

In the meantime it is learnt that Mr S. Vishakantaiya died on 8.7.1937.

(× Verified by enquiry of the Supdt. C.R.O. also)

For orders if any action need be taken on this

When the man is dead, with him have gone the mischief and madness. May be filed.

Submd
CJG
15/7/37

1st member & Dewan

MK
15.7.37

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MS
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MK
17.7.37

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